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Docket No. 1232-5579

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): ISHIBASHI, et al Confirmation No.: 9351
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For: PROBE CARRIER AND METHOD OF PRODUCING SAME

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Non-Final Official Action dated October 17, 2008, the applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks. Under 37 C.F.R. §1.7(a) when the last day to take action falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday within the District of Columbia, the action may be taken on the next succeeding business day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday, *i.e.*, January 19, 2009 without additional extension fees.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.